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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Sebastian SUERBAUM et al.

Serial No.: 09/015,078

Filed: January 29, 1998

For: CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION)
OF THE flba GENE OF *H. PYLORI*,)
PRODUCTION OF AFLAGELLATE)
STRAINS)

Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: S. Turner

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 11

This paper is filed In response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2000 (Paper No. 11). While a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire three months from the mailing date, filed herewith is a Petition for extension of time.

Please amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 37-42.

Please add the following claims:

--43. A method for the *in vitro* detection of an infection due to *H. pylori* in a sample of biological fluid from a patient, wherein the method comprises:

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